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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán Rehabilitation and Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hogar Albergue de Niños de San Germán, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at P.O. Box 1375, San Germán, Puerto Rico 00683.

The funding would be used for the planning, design, and construction phase to increase capacity in their current location. Specifically, to relocate the main kitchen, playground, and isolation room, as well as expand the center to include additional residential treatment areas and office space for mental health specialists, storage, and laundry room space, among other improvements. The center supports children who are between the ages of 0-12 and are victims of abuse, neglect or have suffered due to family disintegration and require temporary shelter while in custody of the state.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the availability and quality of services offered to vulnerable children and their families in Puerto Rico, in collaboration with state agencies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jennifer González Colón
Member of Congress